

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED  
FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1718 – SB 2141**

April 7, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Excludes the Hamilton County sheriff or transportation agent from the requirement to wait until an inmate intake evaluation is completed before leaving the treatment center. Current law authorizes the sheriff or transportation agent to leave if they have informed the treatment center of their estimated time of arrival.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On February 24, 2009, we issued a fiscal note stating a *decrease in local expenditures – not significant*. Due to additional information received from the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD), the fiscal impact of the bill is estimated as follows:

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**Increase State Expenditures – \$84,700**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – \$13,500**

**Assumptions:**

- DHMDD estimates that 354 inmates will not be admitted and will be turned away. These persons will be transported by Regional Mental Health Institute (RMHI) staff.
- DHMDD estimates that a total of 14,160 round-trip miles at \$0.54 per mile will result in an increase in expenditures of \$7,646.
- DHMDD estimates that the additional transports will result in an increase in expenditures of \$77,092 for two additional employees to conduct transports (\$51,120 salary, \$10,572 benefits, \$15,400 operational costs).'
- Local sheriff departments will no longer have to pay a deputy to wait while an intake evaluation is completed. DHMDD estimates the decrease in local expenditures to be \$13,450 (\$44,835 average annual salary and benefits; savings of 0.3 of salary from no longer waiting approximately 105 minutes while the evaluation is completed).

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**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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